

REMARKS

Claims 1-14 are pending and under consideration in the above-identified application.

In the Office Action dated September 10, 2008, the Examiner rejected claims 1-14.

With this Amendment, claims 1 and 8 were amended. No new matter has been introduced as a result of the amendments.

I. Objection To Drawings

The Examiner objected to the drawings under 37 C.F.R. § 1.83(a), indicating that Figures 1-4 should be designated as --Prior Art--.

Pursuant to 37 C.F.R. § 1.121(d), enclosed is replacement sheets for Figures 1-4 for which approval of the Examiner is requested. The proposed changes are to correct the drawing and do not constitute new matter. In particular, Figures 1-4 were amended to include the legend --Prior Art--. As such, the Examiner's objection is now moot. Accordingly, Applicant respectfully requests withdrawal of this objection.

II. 35 U.S.C. § 103 Obviousness Rejection of Claims

Claims 1-14 were rejected under 35 U.S.C. § 103(a) as being unpatentable over Cok et al. (U.S. Publication No. 2005 0062903). Applicant respectfully traverses this rejection.

The claims require a backlight system with a light source inside of a casing and a light transmitting reflecting means. The casing also contains a transmitting diffusing means that diffuses and mixes the light transmitted through the light transmitting reflecting means and causes surface light radiation. As discussed in the Specification, the structure embodying principles of the invention reduces the variations in color brightness and provides good color mixing. Specification, Page 11.

Cok et al. teaches a backlight system that uses multiple cavity structures that contain light emitting species. Cok et al., Paragraph [0022] & Figs 2A -2B. The cavity structures make color,

but unlike the elements required by the claims, the cavity structures do not mix color. *Id.* at [0027]. Additionally, the cavity structures are an individual part of the backlight system that combine to form the whole area of the backlight, whereas the structure required by the claims does not have multiple cavity structures, but one structure having a light source.

Cok et al. also teaches a diffuser layer that controls the angular distribution of the light as seen by a viewer. *Id.* at [0021]. Cok et al. does not, however teach or even fairly suggest the transmitting diffusing means required by the claims, which diffuses and mixes light. As such, Cok et al. fails to teach or even fairly suggest all the requirements of the claims. Thus, independent claims 1 and 8 are patentable over the cited reference as are dependent claims 2-7 and 9-14 for at least the same reasons. As, such Applicant respectfully requests that the above rejection be withdrawn.

III. Conclusion

In view of the above amendments and remarks, Applicant submits that all claims are clearly allowable over the cited prior art, and respectfully requests early and favorable notification to that effect.

Respectfully submitted,

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